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TOP SECRET-SENSITIVE MARCH 23, 1973
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES
308TH NVA DIVISION MOVES NORTH: RECENTLY AVAILABLE COMMUNICA-
TIONS INTELLIGENCE SHOWS THAT MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE 308TH DIVISION ARE NOW LOCATED IN HA TINH PROVINCE,
ABOUT 150 MILES NORTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. THE EVIDENCE
FOR THIS NORTHWARD MOVEMENT -- FIRST DETECTED IN LATE JANUARY --
CONSISTS OF IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF THE 308TH'S HEAD-
QUARTERS IN HA TINH PROVINCE AND THE DETECTION IN CIVIL COM-
MUNICATIONS FROM THIS AREA OF LETTER-BOX NUMBERS USED BY POR-
TIONS OF ITS THREE REGIMENTS IN SENDING CORRESPONDENCE, WHILE
SUCH EVIDENCE IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CONCLUSIVE, IT NOW APPEARS THAT
THE DIVISION HAS GONE HOME.
REFUGEE CAMP HIT BY ROCKET FIRE: THE SAIGON COMMAND REPORTS
24 REFUGEES WERE KILLED AND 40 WOUNDED EARLY TODAY WHEN COM-
MUNIST FORCES FIRED A ROCKET INTO A RESETTLEMENT CAMP IN CHAU
DOC PROVINCE, 95 MILES SOUTHWEST OF SAIGON.

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SIRIK MATAK COMMENTS ON CAMBODIAN SITUATION: IN AN INTERVIEW

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

WITH TWO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS YESTERDAY, SIRIK MATAK PREDICTED THAT THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LAST LONG BECAUSE IT NO LONGER HAD POPULAR SUPPORT AND WAS NOT MUCH MORE THAN A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF STAGED THE GRENADE ATTACK ON A RALLY OF STRIKING TEACHERS AND THE SUBSEQUENT ARREST OF MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURES TO COVER UP THE SOCIAL UNREST WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT CONTROL. ACCORDING TO MATAK, TO ACHIEVE PEACE THE GOVERNMENT MUST OPEN THE DOOR FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO ALL FACTIONS -- INCLUDING THE ONE SUPPORTING PRINCE SIHANOUK, WHO, HE SAID, HAD MORE POPULAR SUPPORT IN CAMBODIA THAN MARSHAL SON NOL. THE PRINCE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO HIS COUNTRY.

LAOTIAN TALKS STALLED [REDACTED] THE TWO LAOTIAN SIDES HAVE POSTPONED THE FORMATION OF A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT BEYOND THE DEADLINE OF MARCH 23. THE SENIOR COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS LEFT VIENTIANE YESTERDAY FOR NEW STRATEGY SESSIONS AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS NEAR SAM NEUA. THE ABSENCE OF CHIEF PATHET LAO NEGOTIATOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT HAS BEEN THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS. OTHER COMMUNIST ENVOYS HAVE NOT BEEN EMPOWERED TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. A GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE INDICATES THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK AND HOLDS OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT AGREEMENT ON A NEW GOVERNMENT COULD QUICKLY FOLLOW.

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